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In re Application of	:	
Gregory L. TRAUTH et al.	:	
Application No. 09/998,941	:	ON PETITION
Filed: November 15, 2001	:	
Attorney Docket No. PIP-81-TRAUU-US	:	

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed October 26, 2006, requesting withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 12, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

Petitioner requests the Notice of Abandonment mailed October 12, 2006 for failure to respond to the Office action mailed November 2, 2005 be withdrawn as petitioner timely filed a response. As evidenced by the itemized copy of the post card receipt date stamped February 2, 2006 a Notice of Appeal and Appeal Brief was received by the USPTO. Furthermore, a review of record indicates that the original copy of the response is now in the file.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to David A. Bucci at (571) 272-7099 or in his absence, the undersigned at (571) 272-3217.

The application file is being referred to Technology Center AU 3623 for appropriate action on the Appeal Brief filed February 2, 2006.

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